

Appendix B – Strategic Plan of Operation (SPO)

The Strategic Plan of Operation (SPO) is a collaboratively developed plan. The SPO is a short-term and long-term plan for management of NAS. The SPO is derived by the Strategic Planning Team (SPT) after collaboration with the FAA and user weather forecasters, FAA ARTCC Operations Managers (OM) or designee, other FAA field facility management personnel, airline planners, ATCSCC personnel, international facilities, military, and general aviation system users. See Section 4.4.1.6 on SPT position.

B.1 SPO Procedure

- The ATCSCC is delegated the authority to direct the operation of the SPO TELCONs for the FAA.
- The SPT collaborates on the formulation of the SPO. The SPO is updated, amended, and evaluated on a recurring basis through a dedicated TELCON Phone Bridge from the ATCSCC.
- Collaborative Convective Forecast Product (CCFP) is the consolidated input of the ARTCC Weather Service Unit (CWSU), Aviation Weather Center (AWC) personnel, ATCSCC Weather Unit (DCCWU) weather personnel, and airline meteorologists. The CCFP is the primary weather product used by the SPT in developing the SPO.

B.2 The SPO Timeline

The SPO Timeline (all times local/eastern) provides a method for group decision-making and collaboration in dealing with system constraints. Modification of the timeline, participation, and scheduling is done at the discretion of the SPT and as directed by the ATCSCC.

- 5:00 a.m. – National Weather TELCON: ATCSCC SPT monitors the weather TELCON, receives midnight operational briefing, and collaborates with select FAA facilities and users for the next amendment.
- 6:00 a.m. – Amendment to the SPO is published on the ATCSCC web page and through an ATCSCC numbered advisory.
- 6:00 – 7:00 a.m. – Individual team entities conduct an assessment of operation in preparation for the SPO TELCON. The ATCSCC identifies and notifies FAA facilities required to participate in the SPT TELCON.
- 7:15 a.m. – Strategic Planning TELCON conducted - The SPO is developed by the SPT.
- 8:00 a.m. – The SPO is published on the ATCSCC website and numbered advisory.
- 8:00 – 9:00 a.m. – Individual team entities conduct an assessment of operation in preparation for the SPO TELCON.

- 9:15 a.m. – Strategic Planning TELCON conducted – The SPO is developed by the SPT.
- The TELCON/Planning cycle repeats every 2 hours or as conditions warrant. The time intervals may be varied; however each SPO and associated advisory will state the time for the next TELCON.